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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 5083

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: MASS MO

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER - UH-1H HELICOPTERS (U)

REF: A. RABAT 4800/020945Z NOV 73

B. RABAT 5034/201035Z NOV 73 (S)

1. (C) BACKGROUND: MUSLO IN RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM SECGEN, ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, REQUESTING LETTER OF OFFER FOR THIRTY SIX (36) UH-1H HELICOPTERS. UPDATED LETTER OF OFFER FOR TEN (10) 205A-1 HELICOPTERS (MO-UDI) EXPIRED 8 NOV 73. IN MEETING WITH CHAFSEC, MUSLO, 20 NOV 73, CDR RMAF (COL KABBAJ) PROVIDED DETAILS OF REQUIREMENTS.

2. (C) FOLLOWING IS AMPLIFYING DATA PERTINENT TO PREPARATION SUBJ L/O:

A. TYPE AIRCRAFT DESIRED - UH-1H.

B. QUANTITY - 36.

C. DELIVERY IN INCREMENTS OF FOUR COMENCING ASAP.

D. CONFIGURATION - STD US ARMY PRODUCTION MODELS GFE (GOVT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT).

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(1) ARAMENT M-21.

(2) DESERT CAMOUFLAGE.

E. LOCATION AND ORGANIZATION - SALE AIRPORT IN THREE SQUADRONS.

F. MAINTENANCE CONCEPT - ALL MAJOR MAINTENANCE PERFORMED SALE.

G. SPARES SUPPORT - TWO YRS CSP.

(1) FLYING HOUR REQUIREMENT - 20 HRS PER ACFT PER MO.

(2) SPARE ENGINE REQUIREMENT STATED AS MINIMUM ONE FOR EACH SIX AIRCRAFT BUT REQUEST NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT BASED UPON US ARMY EXPERIENCE.

H. FINANCING - NOT SEPARATELY ADDRESSED IN VIEW OF RECENT TALKS BETWEEN HASSAN AND NEWSOM (REF B.)

3. (C) COL KABBAJ EXPRESSED URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR ADVANCE PRICE QUOTE IN ORDER "SHUT OFF" AGUSTA COMPETITION. HE STATES "THEIR PRICE IS TOO HIGH" BUT HE MUST HAVE COMPARISON ON PAPER MUSLO BELIEVES FURNISHING PRICE COMPARISON NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, IMPERATIVE THAT IT COME FROM AGENCY OF USG TO AVOID LICENSING AGREEMENT PROBLEMS. MUSLO RECOMMENDS AAVSCOM FURNISH QUALIFIED PRICE QUOTE PER ACFT FOR PRESENTATION TO KABBAJ TO USE IN DEMONSTRATING PROPRIETY OF SELECTION FMS PURCHASE. THIS QUOTE NECESSARY EARLIEST TIME POSSIBLE.

4. (C) LEAD TIME DISCUSSION REVEALED KABBAJ WANTS DELIVERIES TO COMMENCE AS EARLY AS 1 JUL 74. HE ASSERTED THAT PERSONNEL TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ACFT NOT LIMITING FACTOR AND THAT HE HAS MORE PEOPLE TRAINING IN FRANCE. MUSLO RECOMMENDS THAT DELIVERY COMMENCE ASAP ACCORDING TO REQUEST AND IN MONTHLY INCREMENTS OF FOUR ACFT BUT ONLY FOR FIRST TWELVE. BELIEVE FOLLOWING INCREMENTS SHOULD BE REDUCED TO TWO PER MONTH IN ORDER PRECLUDE PROBLEMS IN BUILDUP OF PERSONNEL STRENGTH.

5. (C) IN CONJUNCTION WITH DISCUSSIONS ON UH-1H PURCHASE, KABBAJ ALSO ADDED A REQUEST FOR PRICE FOR TWO CHINOOK HELICOPTERS QUALIFIED ALONG SOMAE LINES AS UH-1H PRINCE QUOTE. MUSLO BELIEVES THIS ALSO TO BE USED AS BASIS FOR COMPETITIVE COMPARISON.

6. (C) CONCEPT OF HELICOPTER BASED FORCE WAS REITERATED. AT SOME POINT IN FUTURE RMAF ENVISIONS CONDUCTING INDIGENOUS HELICOPTER PILOT TNG. MENTION WAS MADE OF LATER REQUIREMENT FOR 206 TYPE ACFT FOR TNG. MUSLO BELIEVES RMAF FIRMLY COMMITTED  
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TO LEVELS STATED IN EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS AND DESIRES TO EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH US FURNISHED ACFT.

7. (C) REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY PRICE QUOTES REITERATED IN ORDER CONVEY URGENCY OF REQUEST.  
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